



St **NICOLAS' CHURCH**
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 25 November 2018

Christ the King / Next Before Advent

*A warm welcome to all who join us to worship God
in the love and peace of his Holy Spirit*

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Roger Williams

11:15 am Holy Communion

The Revd David Bevington

Hymn 589 The King of Love

Collect Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading **Daniel 7: 9-10,13,14**

2nd Reading **Revelation 1: 4b-8**

Gradual 170 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

Gospel **John 18: 33-37**

Hymn 166 Crown him with many crowns

Hymn 295 Deck thyself (part 1)

Hymn 259 Morning Glory

No collection will be taken at this Service, but a plate for your donation is available at the back of the Church - Thank you

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Sunday 2 *8:00 am Holy Communion at St Helen's this month*
11:15 am Mattins The Revd Paul Smith

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri	StH	9:10 am	Morning Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Mon - Fri	StH	5:10 pm	Evening Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Tues	StM	7:30 pm	Silent Reflections
Wed	StH	10:30 am	Holy Communion – South Aisle
Thurs	StM	11:00 am	Circle Dancing
		12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
Sun 2	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Service of Advent Readings & Music
	StM	9:30 am	Family Mass

Our **St Nicolas' Patronal Evensong** will be on **Sunday 9 December** at 5:30pm. All welcome

CHURCH NEWS

Extravaganza 2018: Saturday 1st December:

This is our main fundraising event of the year, and your support – on the day and before - would be most welcome. Donations of the following items would be very much appreciated:

- Children's books and toys
- 'Pocket money' presents for all the family, i.e. new (unwanted presents?) or almost new bric-a-brac, jewellery, accessories, gifts ...
- Homemade cakes or biscuits, jam, chutney etc.
- Bottles & jars (both full and empty) for the bottle tombola
- Seasonal goodies for the Christmas Cake Raffle

Also needed: volunteers to help set up the stalls (Friday afternoon) and to help on Saturday between 10am and around 6pm. If you can spare a couple of hours - or more - please contact Julia (bishopjuliap@btinternet.com / Ab 536343), Hildegard (hnagelhyde@gmail.com / Ab 531499), or Eluned (eluned@hallas.org.uk / Ab 529462).

Advent and Christmas leaflet: The leaflet giving details of the Advent and Christmas services in the parish is now available. Thank you to all who have been involved in the production and will be involved in the delivery of this.

There are still some roads that need deliverers - if you are able to help please speak to Fiona Tonks (St Helen's), Nicola Ng (St Michael's) or Eluned Hallas (St Nicolas'), the parish office or simply take a labelled bundle from the back of church. If possible we would like leaflets to be delivered the week before Advent, w/c 26th November.

THE SCOUTS' POST BOX will be in church until Sunday 16 December. They will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to Abingdon, Radley and Shippon only 25p per card.

Heating system: You will be pleased to hear that work on the new the heating system will start on Monday. It will take approximately two weeks to complete the work and fill the outside flues. The new radiators will occupy the current spaces. It will be a gas fired water system which will keep the building at a constant temperature, increasing before services. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to Andrew Coker.

Minute Secretary for the PCC: The Parish is seeking a Minute Secretary for the Parochial Church Council (PCC), details from our web site or contact the Parish Administrator. Closing date: 23 November 2018.

Advent labyrinth walks at St Michael and All Angels, Park Road, Abingdon: the church will be open on Tuesday 4, 11 and 18 December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Entry will be through the porch on the south side of the church.

LAMPS presents '**Beasts of Bethlehem**'. Christ Church Barn, Monday 17 Dec 4pm & 7pm and Tuesday 18 Dec 1:30pm & 7pm. Tickets £10/£5 (under 16s) from 07452 982705, bookings@lampscollective.com or www.buytickets.at/lampscollective.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 27 November, 12 noon, Abingdon Mothers' Union Service for 10 days of activism against gender violence. St Nicolas' Church. All welcome.

Tuesday 27 November, Silent Reflections at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary. Theme: *The Coming of God*

Friday 30 November 7pm Trinity Church. Abingdon Salvation Army presents **A Charity Christmas Concert** featuring The Central Southern Area Fellowship Band

with Special Guests: The Carswell Community School Choir and Vocal Soloist - Elaine Heaven. Tickets £5—available from The Salvation Army (West St. Helen Street) or by calling 07951291315. All profits to The Abingdon Bridge and Abingdon Street Pastors

Thursday 6 December, Moving into Stillness: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels on from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Give thanks for the life of **Susan Henderson**
who died on Saturday 17 November.
Her funeral will be held at St Helen's Church,
on Friday 30 November at 11am

Also

- Harry, to be baptised in St Nicolas' this afternoon, his family and friends;
- Gwen Bevington, in her new ministry in our parish as a Licensed Lay Minister;
- The diocese of Harare (Zimbabwe) electing a new Bishop on 27 November;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching and welcome in this place;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin & Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Mary and all who serve in this Parish;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- Those who are suffering and in particular need.

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